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The monthly meeting of the consistory will be held Tuesday evening, March 7th.

Mrs. C. H. Gumper will entertain the Woman's Missionary Society at her home, 120 West Wayne street, Thursday afternoon, March 16th.

We are making our plans for the Easter evangelistic services. Full announcements will be made in the next issue of the parish paper.

The Men's Senior Bible Class will entertain the members of the church at a social evening on Thursday evening, March 9th, in the Sunday School rooms. They will have an interesting program and every member is invited.

The Northern Indiana Conference will hold its annual meeting in Fort Wayne March 28th to April 2nd. The pulpits in the Protestant churches will be supplied by delegates to the conference on the Sabbath, April 1st.

The young people will be entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Baumgartner, 1008 High street, Tuesday evening, March 7th. This will be the regular monthly meeting of the C. E. Society.

A. Leslie Jacobs, our organist, will give a recital at the First Reformed church at Bluffton, Ind., Thursday evening, March 9th. He has a class of pupils at Bluffton.

The Harold Dale Saurer recital, on the evening of Feb. 15th, was a rare treat to everyone present. We are sorry that not more of our own people were out to hear him. They certainly missed a great opportunity. Everybody was delighted with the entire program and will be glad to have Mr. Saurer and Mr. Martin back again.

The Every Member Canvass has been pretty well completed. Some of the members have not yet sent in their pledge cards. It is hoped they will do so very soon. Every member should be willing to specify a definite amount he will pay during the year for the current expenses of the church and for benevolence. We are glad to know that many more have given pledges for benevolence than in former years, but there are still a large number who have not yet caught the vision and are not measuring up to their ability to do and to give for the benevolent work of the church. What a splendid thing it would be, if every member of the church would make a weekly contribution of some amount, however small, toward the apportionment, if not five cents, give less; do something for missions and for educational work.

The pastor spent the week beginning with Feb. 21st with Rev. W. H. Shultz, pastor of the Reformed church at Payne, Ohio, in a series of evangelistic services. We were glad for the opportunity to assist this brother in his work. It was a real pleasure to be in his home and meet his wife and younger son, who is a pupil in the high school, as well as to meet his parishioners, some of whom are relatives of ours, and others old acquaintances. Brother Shultz has been with this church for nearly two years. Assisted by his wife and family, a good work is being done. Mrs. Shultz is a very competent helper, as a pastor's wife. They are devoted and self-sacrificing servants of the Lord. With the hearty co-operation of the membership of this church, we are sure there will be great results. The little village is a very enterprising and thrifty place and has many splendid people living in it.

The sections of women appointed to serve suppers during the year are constituted as follows:

### Section No. 1.

Managers—Mrs. H. P. Dinger, Mrs. J. W. Brewer, Mrs. Frank Leikauf, Mrs. John Schneider. Assistants—Mrs. Allan K. Zartman, Mrs. Frank More, Mrs. Charles Rogers, Mrs. John Sessler, Mrs. Birdie Shunk, Mrs. Mary Gooley, Mrs. S. D. Zeis, Mrs. David Copenhaver, Mrs. Isaac Clipinger, Mrs. Catherine Romy, Mrs. Robert Gavin, Mrs. A. M. Henderson, Mrs. H. H. Wilbert, Mrs. R. F. Dinger, Mrs. Victor Guebert, Mrs. Margaret Boger, Mrs. May Schaich, Mrs. Lenora McAfee, Mrs. Albert Bostick, Mrs. W. E. Adams, Mrs. Chas. Stapleton, Mrs. Charles Clark, Mrs. Harvey Bryant, Mrs. Charles Westerick, Mrs. Dayton Baltzell and the Misses Maggie Haverly, Lulu Putt, Vera Sessler, Ruby Zeis, Helen Zeis, Hazel Gooley, Loretta Gooley, Beatrice Benninghoff.

### Section No. 2.

Section No. 2 will serve supper Thursday evening, April 6th, from 5 to 8 o'clock.

Managers—Mrs. Geo. Hesser, Mrs. C. H. Gumper, Mrs. E. Wertman, Mrs. Henry Kessler. Assistants—Mesdames Carl Kessler, John Ruck, W. G. Page, Christian Waldo, Charles Masel, Laura King, S. Schrack, Viola Canning, James Quinn, Martha Wisong, Rose Kline, David Schlatter, W. Botteran, Carrie Eckart, Celia Hostman, C. C. Gumper, Edward Hessert, Chas. Robinson, Geo. Gemmer, A. Bunting, Wilbur Smith, Otto Nyfler, Henry Eberwine, Hanna Pentz, George Trautman, George Wagner, and the Misses Dr. Bertha Goba, Rose Goba, Ruth Gumper, Emma Bercot, Carrie Quickley, Evelyn Wertman, Mildred Wertman, Sofa Reiter, Edith Pentz and Esther Kessler.

### Section No. 3.

Managers—Mrs. W. F. Hildebrand, Mrs. Sarah Knight, Mrs. Daniel Null, Mrs. Helna Weickard. Assistants—Mesdames E. C. Close, W. F. Close, E. A. Close, H. E. Metzner, James Evard, Kate Certia, Fred Shearer, Jacob Shearer, Clinton Shultz, August Guillman,

Philip Heyman, Katie Weiler, Ed. Chausse, Fred Roth, Mary Richards, Kittie Parker, Ed Heyman, William Habecker, William Barget, Ida Harris, Ernest Baumgartner, Louis Roeger, J. A. Woolard, William Martin, R. M. Snyder, Otto Snyder, E. M. Klopfenstein, Della Waite, Emma Pfaff, and the Misses Lottie Weiler, Elsie Weickart, Bertha Weickart, Juaneta Heyman, Helen Trish, Anna Doermer, Nellie Guillaum, Lillie Weickart, Julia Bercot, Maud Snyder, Elizabeth Winninghoff, Elsie Krantz and Helen Weickart.

### Section No. 4.

Managers—Mesdames Emma Bitner, J. H. Straub, Jacob Rudisill, William Siebold. Assistants—Mesdames Susan Smith, James Smith, Ed. Siebold, Jessie Benton, Lena Fritz, Oscar Riley, Samuel Frederick, Martha Frederick, David Walters, Daniel Mullen, Henry Krohn-miller, Jennie Flooring, William Fosler, John Schlaudroff, George Shiffer, Samuel Kreck, J. W. Shiffer, John McMahon, May Siebold, Perry Monn, Frank Pfeiffer, John Smith, Emma Fisher, E. V. Campbell, George Keller, John Riley, Chas. Diederick, Ernest Payne, Valentine Monn, Luke Durnell, Louis Martin, Rufus Druckenbrod, F. D. Knott, Roy Bitner, Irma Merrilett, Elnora Logan, Ray Deahl, Ruth Potts, Grace Shoda, Burt Hatch, Myrtle Menser, David Copenhaver, and the Misses Lulu Bitner, Lizzie Rudisill, Libbie Felker, Mabel Reibel, Esther Fritz, Edith Shiffer, Evelyin Pfeiffer, Lucile Pfeiffer, Lorene Pfeiffer.

## ANNUAL REPORTS.

(Continued.)

January 4, 1916.

The following is an annual report of the treasurer of the Sunday school of the Grace Reformed Church for year 1915:

### Receipts

Amount in treas. Jan. 1, 1915. . . . .	\$ 59.58
Receipts for 1st quarter. . . . .	45.54
Receipts for 2nd quarter. . . . .	86.28
Receipts for 3rd quarter. . . . .	56.73

Receipts for 4th quarter.....	67.39
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	\$315.52

**Expenditure**

1st quarter .....	\$ 50.25
2nd quarter .....	122.83
3rd quarter .....	60.60
4th quarter .....	35.00
Amount in treas. Jan. 1, 1916...	46.84
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	\$315.52

EVAN WILLIAMS,  
Treasurer.

**Report of Doremus Guild for 1915:****Receipts**

Balance in treasury Jan. 1st, 1915 .....	\$118.35
Membership dues .....	39.00
For janitor .....	4.45
Music fund .....	15.40
Serving .....	15.10
Social teas .....	27.16
Suppers .....	126.15
Dollar offering .....	18.50
Christmas sale .....	54.21
Candy booth .....	4.59
Miscellaneous .....	10.70
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Total .....	\$315.56
Total for year.....	\$433.91

**Disbursements**

Janitor .....	\$ 49.00
Music .....	57.00
Parsonage .....	242.70
Insurance .....	50.00
Gives lunch .....	10.00
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Total .....	\$408.75
Balance on hand.....	\$ 25.16

MR. FRANK LEIKAUF,

Treasurer.

**Report of Christian Endeavor Society 1915:****Receipts**

Amount in treasury Jan. 1st, 1915 .....	\$ 6.10
Dues and offerings.....	52.63
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Total .....	\$ 58.73
Expenditures .....	28.95
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Balance .....	\$ 29.78

BERTHA WEICKART.

Treasurer.

**C. E. Missionary Committee**

Total receipts.....	\$ 25.95
HAZEL GOOLEY, Chairman.	

**Report of the Woman's Missionary Society 1915:****Receipts**

By monthly dues.....	\$ 39.30
By free will offerings.....	14.36
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Total .....	\$ 53.66

**Disbursements**

Contingent fund .....	\$ 1.00
To Mrs. Hoy .....	3.70
Apportionment .....	22.46
Gift to Williard Hall.....	1.00
Gift to Science Hall, Japan.....	5.00
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Total .....	\$ 33.16

Balance in treasury .....	\$ 20.50
MRS. J. H. STRAUB, Treasurer.	

**MARRIAGES**

At the parsonage Thursday morning, Dec. 22nd, Mr. Jesse L. Wright and Miss Blanche M. Garman were united in holy wedlock. These young people reside in the northern part of Allen county, near Graybill.

Sabbath afternoon, Feb. 13th, at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Spangler, residing on E. Jefferson street, Mr. Edward Cool and Miss Alice L. Schultheis were married. Both are residents of Columbia City, Ind.

We wish these young people happiness and abundant success in their future lives.

**A RULE OF THREE**

1. Three things to govern—Temper, tongue and conduct.
2. Three things to cultivate—Courage, affection and gentleness.
3. Three things to commend—Thrift, industry and promptness.
4. Three things to despise—Cruelty, arrogance and ingratitude.
5. Three things to admire—Dignity, gracefulness and intellectual power.
6. Three things to give—Alms to the needy, comfort to the soul, and appreciation to the worthy.

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Mrs. Trish, residing on Spy Run Ave., is ill and is confined to her bed. The doctor assures her that she will get along all right with proper care and treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shearer are spending several of the winter months in the South, in Florida and other states. They are having a pleasant time. Mr. Shearer's health is improving.

The young people had a social evening at the church on Tuesday evening, Feb. 29th. The Christian Endeavor Society entertained the Sunday School classes of young men and young women. They had a good time. Everyone enjoyed the evening.

Mr. John Sessler's family has been having a siege of serious illness with grip.

Mrs. Wilbert is just recovering from a severe attack of pleurisy. She has been confined to the house for a week past.

Mrs. William Fosler, assisted by some other women of the church, entertained at a social afternoon at her home on Oakland street the second Thursday of Feb. There was a large attendance and the women had a very pleasant and enjoyable time.

Mrs. Ed Heyman entertained the Woman's Missionary Society at the monthly meeting at her home, 519 E. Wayne street, Thursday afternoon, Feb. 17th. There was good attendance and the society had an interesting afternoon.

### WHY I GO TO CHURCH ON RAINY SUNDAYS

Frances Ridley Havergal's admirers, whose name is legion, will read with interest the following lines from her pen:

I attend church on rainy Sundays because—

1. God has blessed the Lord's day and hallowed it, making no exceptions for rainy Sundays.

2. I expect my minister to be there. I should be surprised if he were to stay at home for the weather.

3. If his hand fail through weakness, I shall have great reason to blame myself unless I sustain him by my prayer and presence.

4. By staying away I lose the prayers which may bring God's blessings, and the sermon that would have done me great good.

5. My presence is more needful on Sundays when there are few than on those days when the church is crowded.

6. Whatever station I hold in the church, my example must influence others. If I stay away, why may not they?

7. On any important business rainy weather does not keep me at home, and church attendance is, in God's sight, very important.

8. Among the crowds of pleasure seekers I see that no weather keeps the delicate female from the ball, the party or the concert.

9. Among other blessings, such weather will show me on what foundation my faith is built. It will prove how much I love Christ. True love rarely fails to meet an appointment.

10. Those who stay away from church because it is too warm or too cold, or too rainy, frequently absent themselves on fair Sundays.

11. Though my excuses satisfy myself, they still must undergo God's scrutiny, and they must be well grounded to bear that. (Luke 14:18.)

12. There is a special promise that where two or three meet together in God's name he will be in the midst of them.

13. An avoidable absence from the church is an infallible evidence of spiritual decay. Disciples first follow Christ at a distance, and then, like Peter, do not know him.

14. Such yielding to surmountable difficulties prepares for yielding to those merely imaginary until thousands never enter a church, and yet they



think they have good reason for such neglect.

15. I know not how many more Sundays God may give me, and it would be a poor preparation for my first Sunday in heaven, to have slighted my last Sunday on earth.—Ex.

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Frank Cour died at the family residence, 1016 E. Jefferson street, Saturday morning, January 22nd, after a lingering illness of a year or longer. He was born at Buffalo, N. Y., December 23, 1854. He was aged 61 years and 29 days. He came with his parents to Fort Wayne at an early age. He was married to Miss Margaret Louis Petzinger May 13, 1885. He was in the employ of the Fort Wayne Traction company for many years. About a year ago his health failed and he never regained his strength. While feeling much better at times, there was a gradual decline, until finally the end came. Mr. Cour was a quiet and unassuming man, and had many friends. He loved his home and spent his evenings and leisure hours in the home with his family.

He was baptized in his infancy and at an early age united with the church of his parents. While for some years he was not actively identified with the church, he was in sympathy with the church. He believed in the church and in the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the word of God. The evening before his death we spent an hour or more with him in his home and engaged in prayer with him. He felt he might soon be able to come to the church, when he could in a public way renew his covenant with the Lord. We did not then have any apprehension that the end was so near at hand.

The funeral services were held at the home Monday afternoon, January 24th. The wife, two daughters, one son, a grandson and one sister survive him.

The family has our sympathy and prayers in their sorrow and bereavement.

The directors of Hope Hospital held a meeting on Tuesday evening, February 28. At this meeting the new directors representing some twenty of the Protestant churches in the city and two Jewish congregations, went into office. The new board organized by electing the following officers: President, A. G. Burry; vice-president, D. N. Foster; secretary, J. R. Mitchel; treasurer, A. A. Berry. These officers constitute the executive committee and will have an advisory board constituted by one representative from each denomination in the corporation. Mr. Ingham, treasurer of the former board of directors, was made a member of this advisory board. He reported at this meeting that the entire indebtedness of the hospital had been provided for, and the new organization would start with \$20,000 in the bank and \$55,000 in bona fide subscriptions toward the new hospital building. It was through Mr. Ingham's persistent efforts that provision was made for this debt. Miss Albright, the present superintendent of the hospital, will likely be retained in her office under the new management. Hope Hospital has for many years had one of the best training schools for nurses in the state and has had a good patronage and has done a good work. With the co-operation of all these churches, pledging their moral support and patronage, the hospital will start out on a new era of usefulness. The relocation of the hospital and the erection of the new building have not yet been considered by the new directors.

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On a recent evening the young people's society entertained the young people of the church at a social evening in the lecture rooms of the church. There was a good turnout, and everybody had a good time. The members of the C. E. Society are trying hard to interest all of the young people in the church in their work and to induce them to join the society and become active workers with them in the Master's Kingdom.

**C. E. TOPICS AND LEADERS****March**

5th. The Consecration of Strength. Ps. 29:1-11 (consecration meeting); Lulu Bitner.

12. The Causes of Failures in Life. Prov. 10:1-21; Clarence Aiken.

19. Getting Power from our Pledge. Ps. 25:1-14; Dr. A. K. Zartman.

26. Great Home Missionaries. Luke 10:1-20; Missionary Committee.

**April**

2. The Consecration of Time. Ps. 90:1-17 (consecration meeting); Helen Trish.

9. What My Denomination Expects from Its Young People. Ps. 84:1-12; Mrs. A. K. Zartman.

16. Good Prayer Meetings, and How to Have Them Always. Acts 12:1-17; Esther Fritz.

**C. E. Committees.**

Prayer Meeting Committee—Helen Trish, Ray Deahl, Dr. A. K. Zartman.

Lookout Committee—Clarence Aiken, Evelyin Wertman, Edith Shiffer.

Social Committee—Vera Sessler, Esther Fritz, Helen Weickart.

Missionary Committee—Hazel Goo-ley, Bertha Weickart, Lulu Bitner.

Whatsoever Committee—Mrs. E. W. Baumgartner, E. W. Baumgartner, Elsie Weickart.

Music Committee—Evan Williams, Vera Sessler.

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